

Wall Street Market Lifeless, Though Prices Are Firm—Local Securities Active

CONSOLIDATED GAS AND THIRD AVENUE OCCUPY CHIEF ATTENTION OF BROKERS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—2 p. m.—Since the noon hour the market has gained a little in activity, but the trading is chiefly in a few specialties, and in cases where securities have gained in price it seems to be due to short covering preparatory to the coming holiday period.

Railroad shares have been moving generally within a range of a point, gaining a little strength and then losing it later. Reading, for example, opened at 17 1/2, sold to 17 1/2, lapsed to 17 1/2, and has rallied to 17 1/2. Southern Pacific went through about the same course. Denver and Rio Grande was one of the most active of the rails, but its fluctuations were within a point and a half, being at this time within one-eighth of the opening price.

The bulk of the trading has been in such specialties as Consolidated Gas and Third Avenue, both of which have been active. Just after noon occurred quite a spurt in copper, but the buying turned out to be covering of shorts and the rise was soon over.

Market Is Very Dull.
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Noon.—The stock market has been dull and without feature during the morning, with the prices of most issues holding within fractions of the opening figures. Prices are going neither up nor down, and the market seems in a dead calm, waiting for the passage of the holiday period or some other disturbing circumstances having a tendency to turn the public as well as professional brokers from speculation.

The most active stock during the morning has been Consolidated Gas, which opened at 15 1/2, sold off to 15 1/2, rose to 16 1/2, and receded again to 16 1/2. While the prices were jumping around in this feverish manner local professionals were buying and selling the stocks as though it was about the only thing on the market.

May Mean Melon Cutting.
Large buyers of Gas said the movement was in anticipation of a distribution of the stock of the New York Edison Company to Consolidated Gas stockholders as a dividend, the object being to get rid of monopoly in the lighting business. The concrete action of the company, it is asserted, is to force its application to corporations operating in New York, with a distribution of New York Edison stock. The control of the two properties would remain substantially in the same hands as at present, and there would be no reason to apprehend any harmful competition.

Traders sold Westinghouse on rumors that the company would be investigated by the Government. The stock declined sharply, but later showed a tendency to recover.

United Dry Goods was strong on reports of highly favorable earnings. Railroad shares and the Industrials generally were very dull.

THE CURB MARKET.
Quotations furnished by E. F. Hutton & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, Thomas L. Hume and E. F. Hutton, 100 Wall Street, New York.

Chinese Copper	Open	High	Low	P. M.
Ely Consolidated	75	75	75	75
Ely Central	25	25	25	25
Gold Copper	11	11	11	11
Giroux	11	11	11	11
Rio Grande	25	25	25	25
Br. Col. Cons.	8	8	8	8
Goldfield Cons.	8	8	8	8
Greene Cananea	11	11	11	11
Greene Consolidated	11	11	11	11
Insprague	8	8	8	8
Miami Cons.	25	25	25	25
Ohio Cons.	6	6	6	6
Union	25	25	25	25
Rio	11	11	11	11
Rio Consolidated	25	25	25	25
Rio Central	25	25	25	25

CHINESE LAUNDRIES MUST BE LISTED

"No Signee, No Washee." Is Ultimatum of the Health Department.

Objection is made by a number of Chinese laundries to the regulation which provides for the registration at the Health Department of all places where the washing of clothes is done for hire. The Chinamen, the inspectors say, can not be made to understand why they should sign their names in a big book. In several cases they have appeared to their Sunday school teachers and superintendents to aid them in preventing intrusion by the inspectors, who demand that they visit the Health Department for the purpose of registration. The position taken by Health Officer Woodward, however, is "No signee, no washee," and unless the Celestials comply with the regulation they will be compelled to adopt other means of livelihood.

DECATUR STREET RESIDENCE SOLD

Government Official Purchases New Home in Paul's Addition.

M. H. Herriman has sold, through the office of N. L. Sansbury, the detached house he is building on the south side of Decatur street, between Georgia avenue and Thirteenth street, in Paul's addition.

The house is a two-story frame, neoclassical structure, containing nine rooms, a billiard cellar, and a finished attic. It is trimmed in oak and covered with slate. The lot it occupies contains 5,000 feet of ground. The purchaser is a Government official, and the price is understood to have been \$6,550.

SEEKING A PARDON AFTER FIFTY YEARS

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 21.—Steps were taken today to appeal the decision of the State board of pardons which has refused the request of John Warren, of Tolland county. Saturday Warren completed fifty years of a life sentence for the murder of his wife by holding her head under water.

WHAT IT COSTS.
Bronx—That's a handsome umbrella you've got there, old man.

Yes, isn't it?

Bronx—About what does it cost to carry an umbrella like that?

Lenox—External vigilance—The Circle Magazine.

Wholesale Produce Prices

Eggs, Cheese, and Butter.

Cheese—New York flats, large, per lb., 17 1/2; also, per lb., 15c.

Eggs—Nearby, per doz., 36c; distant, 35c; firm.

Butter—Creamery, fancy, 37 1/2c; renovated, 36c; firm.

Poultry.

Live Poultry—Chickens, large, per lb., 15c; broilers, per lb., 16c; turkeys, per lb., 17c; ducks, per lb., 18c; geese, per lb., 19c; capons, per lb., 20c.

Fruit.

Apples—Per bbl., \$2.00; oranges, per box, \$1.50; tangerines, per box, \$1.50; grapefruit, per box, \$2.00; pineapples, per crate, \$2.00; cranberries, per bbl., \$3.00.

Vegetables.

Potatoes, per bbl., \$1.50; sweet potatoes, per bbl., \$2.00; cabbages, per crate, \$1.00; string beans, per bushel, \$1.00; lettuce, per basket, \$1.00; beets, per basket, \$1.00; radishes, per bushel, \$1.00; spinach, per bushel, \$1.00; pumpkins, per bushel, \$1.00.

Live Stock.

Cattle—Fancy, large, 6c; pork, 10c.

GOSSIP FROM WALL STREET

Thomas L. Hume & Co.—We find traders inclined to take Christmas profits a little ahead of time and this may account partly for the realization of yesterday and today. Attention is being directed to the fact that the price of the lead is a buyer instead of a seller of the day.

W. B. Hibbs & Co.—The announcement of an advance of 10 points in the price of Lead appeared to be regarded as a bullish argument on National Lead stock, although it would really seem to be the case since the company is a buyer instead of a seller of the day.

Harriman & Co.—Supporting orders are reported well distributed in the market. On any pressure from the professional element it is likely they will become effective. They are in practically all the active stocks, which shows that the large institutions will not permit any serious decline before the end of the year.

FUNERAL SERVICES SET FOR TOMORROW

Coroner Will Investigate Death of Woman Injured When Alighting From Car.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary E. Mohler, who died Sunday in the Casualty Hospital from injuries received by falling from a street car at the Union Station several weeks ago, will be held in Grace M. E. Church, Ninth and Columbia R. R. S. S., at 2 o'clock, tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. Mohler, who lived at 404 Rhode Island avenue, was alighting from the car when the accident occurred. Coroner Nevitt will hold an inquest tomorrow.

SHARP NOTICE SENT TO ALL RAILROADS

Commerce Commission Says Its Orders Must Be Obeyed.

A sharp notice was today sent out to the railroads by the Interstate Commerce Commission to the effect that hereafter failure to comply with the orders of the commission through misunderstanding or the negligence of employees will be treated as an intentional violation of the law, and the carriers legally liable therefor will be prosecuted for the penalties provided in the law.

If the time allowed by the commission in the case of any violation of the law is not complied with, a short application for an extension of time, with a showing of facts, should be made.

ESTATE IS LEFT TO OFFICER'S SON

Wills of Thomas Vincent, Francis Cox, and Elizabeth Pilling Are Filed.

The wills of Thomas M. Vincent, late officer, United States Army; Francis Cox, and Elizabeth Pilling were filed for probate today.

Mr. Vincent's will, under date of November 11, 1901, leaves the premises at 1221 N. street, his late home, and the entire estate left by him to his son, Thomas M. Vincent.

Elizabeth Corita Cox is given the result of her property left by Francis M. Corita Cox, her husband. The will is dated January 8, 1901.

The wills of Francis M. Corita Cox, late officer, United States Army, and Elizabeth Pilling were filed for probate today.

TO HOLD INQUEST IN SHOOTING CASE

Coroner Will Investigate Killing of Mrs. Annie Smith, Colored, by Her Husband.

An inquest will be held at the District morgue Thursday over the body of Annie Smith, colored, twenty-three years old, who was shot and killed last night by her husband, John E. Smith, at their home, 1623 Kramer street northeast.

Smith, who is locked up at the Ninth precinct station, told the police he got into an altercation with his wife because he wanted to "rustle" her.

His wife, he says, slapped him in the face, and during the struggle that followed, he shot her.

BRIDGEMAN THINKS VERDICT SATISFIES

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Dec. 21.—"Well, I'm glad to hear that the Danes have been sentenced to thirty-five years in the penitentiary for killing her husband. When the prison doors swing open to release Mrs. Goode on Christmas Eve, the Danes will have been given her freedom."

TACK KILLS MAN.

CO. TESVILLE, Pa., Dec. 21.—From the effects of a rusty tack which pierced his leg six days ago, Emma P. Dickinson, a prominent local Free Mason, and contractor, sixty-nine years old, died today.

METROPOLITAN BANK SHARES AND GAS LEAD MARKET FOR LOCAL SECURITIES.

Business on the local stock exchange today was active and in larger volume than for several days. Metropolitan Bank shares and Gas were the features of the market. Metropolitan Bank shares of the bank were offered, and sold at 20 1/2. Sales were at first in five-share lots, then in ten-share lots, and when the offering broke saw that the price would not easily go above 20 1/2 the balance of 145 shares were sold on block. Gas sold very freely on a rising scale of prices from 25 1/2 to 26 1/2. The trading

TODAY'S SALES ON WASHINGTON EXCHANGE

Capital Traction S. S. 489 113.
Potomac Electric Consolidated S. S. 1,000 102.
Capital Traction Company, 299 122 1/2.
Washington Gas, 25 1/2 to 26 1/2.
Merger, 25 1/2 to 26 1/2.
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WASHINGTON EXCHANGE BID AND ASKED PRICES

GOVERNMENT BONDS.
U. S. Reg. 2's, 101 1/2 to 102.
U. S. Reg. 3's, 101 1/2 to 102.
U. S. Reg. 4's, 101 1/2 to 102.
U. S. Reg. 5's, 101 1/2 to 102.

RAILWAY BONDS.

Capital Traction R. R. S. S. 113 1/2 to 114.
Anacostia & Potomac S. S. 101 1/2 to 102.
City & Suburban S. S. 101 1/2 to 102.
Columbia R. R. S. S. 101 1/2 to 102.
Washington & Annapolis S. S. 101 1/2 to 102.

MISCELLANEOUS BONDS.

Potomac Elec. Cons. S. S. 101 1/2 to 102.
N. & W. Steamboat S. S. 101 1/2 to 102.
C. & P. Telephone S. S. 101 1/2 to 102.
Washington Gas S. S. 101 1/2 to 102.

PUBLIC UTILITY STOCKS.

Capital Traction, 113 1/2 to 114.
Washington Gas, 25 1/2 to 26 1/2.
Merger, 25 1/2 to 26 1/2.
Washington Gas, 25 1/2 to 26 1/2.

NATIONAL BANK STOCKS.

American Nat. Bank, 190 1/2 to 191.
Capital Nat. Bank, 200 1/2 to 201.
City Nat. Bank, 110 1/2 to 111.
Commercial Nat. Bank, 110 1/2 to 111.
First Nat. Bank, 110 1/2 to 111.

TRUST COMPANY STOCKS.

American Sec. & Trust, 250 1/2 to 251.
Union Trust, 120 1/2 to 121.
Washington Trust, 120 1/2 to 121.
United States Trust, 120 1/2 to 121.

FIRE INSURANCE STOCKS.

Arlington Fire Insurance, 30 1/2 to 31.
Washington Fire Insurance, 30 1/2 to 31.
Columbia Fire Insurance, 30 1/2 to 31.
First National Fire Insurance, 30 1/2 to 31.

TITLE INSURANCE STOCKS.

Columbia Title Insurance, 4 1/2 to 5.
Real Estate Title Insurance, 4 1/2 to 5.
Washington Title Insurance, 4 1/2 to 5.
Emerson Steam Pump, 11 1/2 to 12.

MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.

Emerson Steam Pump, 11 1/2 to 12.
Graphophone common, 14 1/2 to 15.
Merch. Trans. & Storage, 11 1/2 to 12.
Security Storage, 11 1/2 to 12.

COURT CONTINUES LEE ASSAULT CASE

Negro Held for Stabbing His Wife, Pending Outcome of Her Injuries.

The charge of assault with a dangerous weapon against William Lee, colored, was continued indefinitely in the Police Court this morning to await the result of the injuries he inflicted upon his wife with a table knife at their home, 2215 Twelfth street northwest last night.

At a meeting of the executive board yesterday President Sullivan announced the appointment of committees on school interest and press work.

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Alexandrians Want Special Coinage

Washington Monument Association Makes Request of Secretary of Treasury.

A bill drawn for the purpose of aiding the Washington Monument Association of Alexandria was introduced in the House today by Representative Carl Vinson. The bill authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to coin 200,000 half dollars and turn them over to the monument association, the association to pay the actual cost of the work.

It is estimated the association will be able to make about 25 cents on each coin and realize a sufficient fund to erect the monument and make the necessary improvements in the park purchased for that purpose.

FUNERAL WILL BE FROM RESIDENCE OF GEORGETOWN MERCHANT.

Mrs. Bernard Nordlinger, Widow of Georgetown Merchant, Is Dead.

The funeral services of Mrs. Hanchen Nordlinger will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence, 3113 N. street northwest. The Rev. Dr. Stearns, of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, will officiate, and interment will take place in the Hebrew Cemetery.

Mrs. Nordlinger died yesterday afternoon. She was the widow of Bernard Nordlinger, formerly one of the leading merchants of Georgetown. She was born in Heidelberg, Germany, and was educated in that famous university town.

TO HELP ALUMNI FIND EMPLOYMENT

Acting on the recommendation of Assistant Secretary E. Perry Corbett, the executive committee of the Business High School alumni will appoint a special committee of 100 members to promote the employment feature of the alumni.

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